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Beale's newly-arrived RQ-4 Global Hawk Remotely Piloted Aircraft took off Tuesday from Beale for its first operational Air Combat Command flight. (Photo by John Schwab)

Global Hawk flies first Beale ACC sortie

By Senior Airman
Christine Collier
9th RW Public Affairs

flights as Beale continues to gain more aircraft and normalize the mission.

Beale's newly-arrived RQ-4 Global Hawk Remotely Piloted Aircraft made its first operational Air Combat Command flight from here on Tuesday, landing at 1:45 p.m.

The first Global Hawk flight from Beale signifies the end of the base's and communities' five-year wait for the aircraft, and the beginning of local training

"This is an important day for Beale and the surrounding community as we flew the first complete sortie from Beale and for Air Combat Command," said Brig. Gen. H.D. Polumbo Jr. "This flight symbolizes the first of many training missions designed to prepare our crews for missions over Iraq and Afghanistan and worldwide in the Global

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Team Beale holds MARE Nov. 15

By Airman 1st Class
George Cloutier
9th RW Public Affairs

Team Beale members demonstrated their readiness once again in a major accident response exercise Nov. 15.

The scenario in the exercise was a major fuel spill that occurred on base. The exercise is a yearly requirement for Team Beale, but al-

so a valuable learning tool.

"Exercises all have their own purpose and focus toward different areas, but in general it's all about being ready," said Lt. Col. Bruce Ellis, 9th Reconnaissance Wing Plans and Programs chief.

Though exercises are conducted on a somewhat regular basis, there is always room for improvements, ac-

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U-2 pilot comes face to face with death and wins

By Airman 1st Class
George Cloutier
9th RW Public Affairs

The day started out perfectly; a chance to get a much needed break from the office, to see the sun rise over the earth. Little did this U-2 pilot know that what started off as the best day in weeks would turn out to be the worst day of

his life.

"That morning, everything was just going right," said Lt. Col. Kevin Henry, 99th Reconnaissance Squadron assistant director of operations. "It was a beautiful early morning pre-sunrise take off. I was psyched to go."

After taking care of a few extra duties he had assumed while at his forward operation

location, the colonel went to suit up for his flight. Unknown to anyone at the time, this would be the critical phase that nearly spelled his death in the hours to come.

"The only thing that wasn't going right was my pre-breathe that morning," the colonel said. "I was having trouble with my helmet. I kept

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The 7th SWS has scheduled the Track Santa event for Dec. 24. For more information, see Page 4.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

OPEN LINE



The Open Line is your direct line to the 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander. The Open Line is used to ask questions, make suggestions, or give thanks for a job well done. The most efficient way to solve an issue is to work through the relevant office and use the chain of command. If you are unable to resolve the issue, or are not satisfied with the response, call the Open Line. If

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Brig. Gen. H. D. Pumbo, Jr. is the 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander at Beale. (Photo by John Schwab)

Will you be part of the solution?

By Maj. Brandon Montler
9th Contracting Squadron commander

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The winds of change aren't coming, they're already here ... and they are blowing harder than ever.

If you are not familiar with the significance of these acronyms, the changes they will bring, and how they may affect you, you may wake up one day and find that your cheese has been moved ... and you may not be able to find it.

Even with the changes that are happening, our priorities are still to 1) win the war on terrorism; 2) develop and take care of our people; and 3) recapitalize our assets.

How will we achieve these priorities while reducing budgets, cutting personnel, and implementing a new civilian personnel system?

The answers will come from each of us in the field since we are closest to the processes that are affected by the changes.

We need to take the direction, guidance, and vision from leadership and determine how to contribute, in each of our functional communities, e.g., operations, support, maintenance, to achieving these priorities.

In order to implement the changes, we all need to understand our roles and how they tie to our priorities and transformation.

However, it will take more than understanding -- we need to use that understanding to develop and implement solutions so we achieve our respective goals.

We cannot afford to sit back and let others figure out how changes will be implemented for us.

Yet, each of us will handle the winds of change in our own ways.

To paraphrase Charlie Williams, deputy assistant secretary of contracting and assistant secretary of acquisition, "Pessimists will complain about the wind. Optimists will expect the winds to change again in their favor. Realists will adjust the sails and navigate — using the winds of change — to achieve their priorities."

How will you react to change?

Will you be at the forefront proposing workable solutions to shape the future, or will you be waiting for someone to shape the future for you?

How will your wingmen react?

You can get a pretty good idea of who will lead through change by watching everyday behavior.

Watch someone walk through your unit's parking lot. As they pass a piece of trash, what do they do?

Some will walk by oblivious to their surroundings and never notice it. They have no idea what's happening around them or they

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9th Contracting Squadron commander

don't care.

Others will see the trash and keep on walking. They leave it to others to solve the problem.

Then there are those that will pick up the trash and throw it away. These are the proactive people that will develop solutions and will lead us through change. They will be the ones to achieve our priorities of winning the war on terrorism while developing taking care of our Airmen and still find ways to save money, the savings that we will use to modernize and recapitalize our aging assets.

What will you do the next time an opportunity to shape the future presents itself?

Will you recognize it and be part of the solution?

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	1st RS	99th RS	
Aircraft	U-2	T-38	U-2
Goal	71	256	132
Flown	43	158	80
Ahead/Behind	-2	-11	2

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THIS YEAR

CALL 634-5555 FOR A SAFE RIDE HOME



9 RW commander sends Thanksgiving message

"Sandra and I are proud to be a part of Team Beale and remain committed to care for our Air Force members and their families. There is no better time than during the Holidays to say 'Thank You' to all of you for the exceptional work you do everyday, to 'Praise' your caring families who consistently make sacrifices, and to send our 'Best Wishes' to generous community leaders who support us all year long. We are looking forward to spending this Thanksgiving with our extended family here on the base and in the surrounding communities."

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cording to Colonel Ellis.

"There's going to be problem areas with every exercise," Colonel Ellis said. "We do this to work the kinks out as well as identify things we're doing well."

One repeating issue that has come up in Beale exercises is communication.

"For every exercise communication is a premium and we seem to have some in this area just about every time," said Lt. Col. Yolanda Jackson, 9th Mission Support Group deputy commander and on-scene commander for the recent exercise. "Getting information back to battle staff sometimes seems like a challenge."

A specific problem within the chain of communication is the on-scene commander not receiving all the information they need to report back to battle staff, according to Colonel Jackson.

"Establishing a constant chain of communication for on-scene commanders is a great help," she said.

There are many facets of challenges with communication, like units not being able to contact each individual on their recall roster or individuals needed to participate in the exercise.

"One thing I think everyone needs to understand is the importance of being accountable," Colonel Ellis said. "People need to be able to be contacted to the maximum extent possible at all times. If people are making plans and will be out of contact, they need to inform their supervisors so they can be accounted for."

With these minor set backs aside, Team Beale still pulls together to get the job done.

"Regardless of whether battle staff is getting the info or not, the people on-scene are still making it happen," Colonel Jackson said. "Our folks had the right attitude about it. They jumped in and got it done. We saw a lot of young people out there doing their jobs."



Three 9th Civil Engineer Squadron firemen assist an Airman who was "injured" in a simulated car collision Wednesday during a Major Accident Response Exercise. The MARE was conducted to test the wing's response and readiness to a major accident. (Photo by John Schwab)

WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT

Staff Sgt. David Lynch

Unit: 9th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Job: Weapons system coordinator

Hometown: Long Beach, Calif.

Air Force goals: To finish earning my CCAF, be accepted into Officer Training School or earn the enlisted rank of Chief with a first shirt diamond

Time in the Air Force: Four and a half years

Hobbies: Playing all sports and spending time with my family

The thing I like best about Beale

AFB: There are many things to do in the surrounding cities making Beale a great central locations for access to it all. When I want to go to a club in the city, Sacramento is close by. When I go snowboarding, the mountains are right there.

Staff Sgt. David Lynch is a weapons system coordinator with the 9th Maintenance Squadron (Photo by Airman 1st Class George Cloutier)



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War on Terror.”

The Global Hawk provides Air Force and joint battlefield commanders near real-time, high-resolution, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance imagery to fight the Global War on Terror. Since 2001, the Global Hawk has flown more than 5,000 hours overseas in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“Although designed as surveillance and intelligence-gathering aircraft, Global Hawks flown locally are not currently outfitted with sensors used during overseas missions,” General Pumbo said. “Beale’s Global Hawk aircraft are used to train pilots, sensor operators and maintainers so they are ready for combat missions over Southwest Asia.”

Many members of Team Beale have been preparing for the base’s operational flights for the past three and a half years. Prior to receiving an operational Global Hawk, Airmen trained in overseas locations during four-month long deployments. Stateside maintenance training began in 2004 with the arrival of Beale’s first Global Hawk. Now, two Global Hawks on base will mean more training opportunities for both maintenance and operations Airmen.

“Although the second Global Hawk will mean a heavier workload for maintainers, it will allow Beale to fly more training missions,” said Staff Sgt. Brian Fox, 12th Aircraft Maintenance Unit expeditor. “More aircraft mean more aircraft parts to work on. However, with that, we will have more flying options.”

Despite the amount of time training and working on the Global Hawk, maintaining the aircraft is still a great learning experience, said Sergeant Fox.

“Maintenance on a Global Hawk is extremely different from maintenance on an aircraft with a pilot in the cockpit,” said Sergeant Fox, “Now I’m talking to a computer instead of a person. It’s definitely a chance for me to think outside the box.”

Thinking outside the box also applies to the pilots who fly the aircraft, according to Lt. Col. Chris Jella, 18th Reconnaissance Squadron commander.

“It’s not the same as flying regular aircraft — you really have to rely on the two-dimensional instrument screens instead of feel when flying this aircraft,” he said. “It’s more ‘head’ flying than ‘body’ flying.”

“It is also wonderful that we can fly a mission overseas and then go home to our families afterward,” Colonel Jella added. “I love the technology and the direction the Air Force is going with it.”



Chamber visit

Local Chamber of Commerce members receive a U-2 pressure suit brief at Beale Nov. 13. Over 40 local Chamber of Commerce members visited Beale to receive the wing mission brief and tour various locations to familiarize themselves with the 9th Reconnaissance Wing high altitude and reconnaissance mission. (Courtesy photo)

7th SWS to hold Santa tracking event Dec. 24

*By 2nd Lt. Michael Trett
7th Space Warning Squadron*

As Christmas approaches, the 7th Space Warning Squadron invites Beale members and their families to track Santa Claus at PAVE PAWS on Dec. 24 from 6 to 10 p.m..

The 7th SWS joins North American Aerospace Defense Command for the fourth year to continue the Santa-tracking tradition by opening this event to Beale military families.

Families will receive a short mission brief and tour. Space is limited, deadline to sign up is Dec. 15. If interested please provide name, grade or sponsor’s

organization, and social security number to Tech Sgt. Brian Disorbo at 634-5271.

The 7th SWS has been one of the primary radars for North America Aerospace Defense Command since 1979. The operational crews will be in constant communication with Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., as the world wide network of radars, sensors, and satellites track the progress of Santa and his reindeer.

This year marks the 51st anniversary of tracking Santa for the world. The event began in 1955 when a Colorado child dialed a misprinted number in a

local newspaper advertisement. NORAD’s predecessor, the Continental Air Defense Command, received the phone call and the commander reported Santa’s location, as the child requested. The program has grown each year and with the addition of NORAD’s Santa Tracker web site, last year children from 204 countries and territories tuned in to track Santa.

For more information, e-mail 2nd Lt. Michael Trett at michael.trett@beale.af.mil or 2nd Lt. Harrison Burge at harrison.burge@beale.af.mil.

Santa’s location will also be available at http://www.norad-santa.org/no_flash.html.



Community Briefs

Wing Holiday Party

This year's wing holiday party "Rockin' the Holidays" is scheduled for Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Recce Point Club.

E-1 to E-4 pay \$5 per ticket, E-5 to E-6, WG and WS, GS-1 to GS-9 and NAF employees pay \$10 per ticket and senior NCOs and officers pay \$15 per ticket.

Dinner will be heavy hors d'oeuvres with a carving station and a chocolate fountain. A band has been hired for the occasion. Dress is festive smart casual.

For more information, call 634-3921 or 634-3644.

Holiday chapel hours

Advent wreath-making activity and potluck, Friday at 5 p.m. at the Foothills chapel.

Christmas tree and nativity lighting, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. at the Foothills chapel.

Immaculate conception Mass Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Foothills chapel.

Advent Penance service Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Foothills chapel.

Family Christmas Mass Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. at the Foothills chapel.

Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Valley chapel.

Christmas midnight Mass, Dec. 25 at the Foothills chapel.

Watch Night Service, Dec. 31 at 11 p.m. the Valley chapel.

Girl Scouts volunteers

Girl Scouts of Tierra del Oro, the Beale service unit, is in need of adult volunteers. For detailed position descriptions or for more information, call Tonia McCall at (800) 322-4475, extension 2792

Legal office closure

The legal office will be closing at 3 p.m. Thursday. In case of emergency, call the Command Post at 634-5700.

Easy money at AAFES

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has begun its annual community gift wrap program to help squadrons raise money.

AAFES supplies the space, gift wrap, tape, ribbons and name tags.

Squadrons supply people to man the table, wrap gifts for donations and keep 100 percent of donations.

Dates are available now through Dec. 24 during normal store hours.

For more information or to sign up, e-mail Mark Sheppard at shepparm@aafes.com. Civilian organizations are not available to participate.

Beale Little League

Beale Little League is currently looking for volunteers to help fill positions on the Little League Board.

For more information, call Master

Sgt. William Crawley at 634-2121.

MFH winter concerns

The winter rains are approaching and to prevent and minimize flooding in the housing area the following is a reminder of roles and responsibilities of housing residents:

- * Keep yards and storm drains around homes clear from leaves

- * Ensure street gutters and roadways are cleared up to the middle of the road

- * Do not rake or blow leaves toward other yards and roadways

- * Place all grass cuttings and leaves in the green trash can for weekly pick-up — no dumping of any kind is permitted in the open field or areas behind units.

- * Contact MFH contractor, at 788-024, if roofs have excessive buildup of leaves impacting drainage or drains require cleaning

Food drive

Cub Scout Pack 64 has scheduled a holiday food drive to run through Dec. 12.

Canned and dry goods are needed. To donate visit one of the collection bins.

Bins are located in the Heritage Hallway in Building 1086, the 9th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron break area in Building 1025, the Foothills Chapel, the Base Exchange, the commissary and the

Community Center.

All proceeds benefit the Airmen's Attic Food Locker and the surrounding local community.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Shane Griego at 634-5911.

Christmas tree, nativity lighting

The annual Beale Christmas tree and nativity lighting is scheduled for Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. in the Foothills Chapel parking lot.

Singing of Christmas songs will kick off the evening followed by a handbell choir presentation. The original stories of the Candy Cane and Christmas Tree will be told. Immediately following the tree and nativity scene will be lit. For more information, call the Chapel at 634-4701.

Firing range safety

The base firing range located northeast of the intersection of Warren Shingle Boulevard and Doolittle Drive, as well as the machine gun range located adjacent to Miller Lake, on Beale Air Force Base, are designated as no trespassing areas. When the red flag is flying or the red beacon is flashing at the base firing range, Friskey Lake is off limits. When the red flag is flying and the barriers are up adjacent to Doolittle Drive and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal range the machine gun

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range and Miller Lake are off limits.

Entering into these areas for other than official business is illegal and extremely dangerous due to gunfire. For more information, call combat arms at 634-2876 or the law enforcement desk at 634-2131.

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's attic will be closed today. The attic is still taking donations of items that are in good condition.

Specifically there are families in need of washers and dryers.

For more information or to donate, call 634-5640 or 788-2993.

To donate large items please call to arrange for a delivery time.

The attic holds an All Ranks Day once a month for Airmen of all ranks.

The attic is open Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Beale Thrift Shop

The Beale Thrift Shop is currently taking fall, winter and holiday donations and consignments. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until 12:30 p.m.

Proceeds from sales go to the Beale Officers' Spouses' Club's charitable fund used for scholarships and community donations. The shop is located at 6201 B St. in the Omni parking lot across from the commis-

sary. For more information, call 788-1892.

Vehicle decals

As a reminder, 2006 base vehicle decals will expire Dec. 31. To renew a registration, please provide a current proof of insurance, military identification and a valid state driver's license. Also, an out-of-state vehicle may need to pass a California emissions test prior to renewal.

For more information, call Nicole Lytle at 634-3143.

Deadline for submissions

The deadline for submissions to the High Flyer is Friday the week prior to the desired publication date. Submissions are printed on a space available basis.

Submissions after the deadline will not be published until the following week.

News briefs will run for no more than three consecutive weeks.

For questions or more information, call 634-8887.

Bundles for Babies

Bundles for Babies is scheduled for Dec. 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center.

This free class is open to all ranks and provides tips on prenatal care, financial expectations, and avoiding frauds targeting new parents.

Attendees must arrange their own

childcare.

For more information, call 634-2863.

Fresh fruit and vegetables

The Foothills chapel in housing provides free fresh fruit and vegetables to all active-duty military families every Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A paper or plastic bag is needed to carry items.

For more information, call the chapel at 634-4701.

Separating Airmen

Thinking of leaving the Air Force?

The key to transition success is knowledge of available services and a firm understanding of how to use them. During preseparation counseling, Airmen will learn about their benefits and rights, as well as available services. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 634-2863.

Breastfeeding support group

A free breast feeding support group is open to all women Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the Foothills Chapel.

For more information, call Julie Mathews at 788-7660.

Wingman training

Wingman training is scheduled for Dec. 5 from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Cen-

ter. For more information or to register, call the center at 634-2863.

AWANA

AWANA is held every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Foothills chapel in housing.

AWANA is available for all children three years of age through sixth grade.

For more information about AWANA or to sign a child up, call the chapel at 634-4701.

BAADD volunteers

Beale Airmen Against Drunk Driving is always looking for new volunteers.

For more information about the program or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Jason Sikorski at 634-5945 or speak with your first sergeant.

Discover

The Education Center now has a computer-based career planning program available for individuals trying to decide on a career path, planning further education or transitioning out of military service.

For more information, call Education Center at 634-2525.

NAF openings

The below Non Appropriated Fund positions are available.

Cashier, checker, cook, waiter, bartender and food service worker -

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Recce Point Club.

Information technology specialist and cook - Youth Center.

Child development program assistant - Child Development Center.

Food assistant program monitor - Family Child Care.

Custodial worker supervisor - Lodging.

Cashier, checker and custodial worker - Beale Lanes.

For more information or questions, call 634-2316 or visit <http://www.bealeservices.com/humanresources>.

Stress management

A mastery of anxiety and stress class is held the first Thursday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center.

This class offers a broad range of relaxation techniques designed to help effectively combat the stress and strains of everyday life.

For more information, call 634-3500.

Relaxation room

Unwind in the Health and Wellness Center's ergonomic massage chair.

The massage chair is available on a walk-in basis throughout the week.

For more information, call the HAWC at 634-3500.

Tobacco cessation

The Health and Wellness Center offers a free tobacco cessation program.

This program focuses on identifying and changing the tobacco use habit of addiction in conjunction with the American Lung Association.

To register or for more information, call the HAWC at 634-3500.

Certification programs

The Community College of the Air Force has an Airframe and Power Plant certification program.

Technicians who have cross-trained out of aircraft maintenance AFSCs are eligible for the certification program provided the technician possessed a 7-skill level in the aircraft maintenance AFSC prior to cross-training and has not been out of the aircraft maintenance AFSC for more than two years.

Technicians may enroll in the program and begin training once they have been awarded their 5-skill level.

For more information, visit <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/student.htm>.

CLEP E-Study Guide

The "CLEP Official Study Guide" is free for use by military personnel.

For a free copy of the program, bring a blank CD to the Education Center, located next to the Contrails Inn dining facility.

For more information, call the Education Center at 634-2525.

Air Force Institute of Technology

AFIT is the Air Force's premier institution for defense focused graduate and continuing education.

Continuing education is offered by AFIT's School of Systems and Logistics, <http://www.afit.edu/is>, and The Civil Engineer and Services School, <http://www.afit.edu/cess>.

Master's and doctoral degrees are offered in numerous areas by the Graduate School of Engineering and Management, <http://www.afit.edu/en>. For more information, call the Education Center at 634-2525.

Career planning

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Helping servicemembers, helping their families

Foothills Chapel

*15001 Camp Beale Highway
(Family housing area)*

Protestant "Praise" worship service
Sundays, 9 a.m.

(includes "Parents' Nursery" and
children's church)

Catholic Mass

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Catholic Reconciliation

Sundays, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Catholic daily Mass

Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

Valley Chapel

6199 C St. (Main base)

Islamic worship

Every other Friday, 1 p.m.

Gospel Protestant worship service

Sundays, 11 a.m.

(includes children's church)

Protestant Programs: Sunday School (10:30 a.m.) at Lone Tree Elementary. AWANA on Mondays and JV-Varsity on Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. at Foothills Chapel. Protestant Youth meets Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Valley Chapel and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at Foothills Chapel.

Protestant Bible Study Groups: Men - Second & fourth Sunday, Valley, 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Valley, 7 p.m. Women - Tuesday, 9-11 a.m. Foothills (children welcome) Thursday, 6:45 to 8 p.m., Valley.

Catholic Programs: Religious Education - preschool-12, Sundays 9 a.m. at Lone Tree Elementary School. RCIA, Catholic Youth, CWOC, CMOC and Adult Bible Study call Leila at 634-4707.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers): Second & fourth Thursdays at Foothills Chapel.

Questions concerning marriages, baptisms, choirs, Navigators, and Officer Christian Fellowship can be directed to the chapel staff at 634-4701.

Beale Bijou

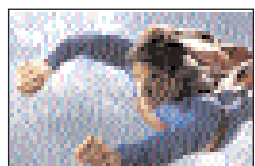
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Friday evening World Trade Center (PG-13)

Nicolas Cage, Michael Pena

This is the true story of John McLoughlin and William Jimeno, the last two survivors extracted from Ground Zero and the rescuers who never gave up. It's a story of the true heroes of that fateful time in the story of the United States when buildings would fall and heroes would rise, literally from the ashes to inspire the entire human race.



Saturday evening Superman Returns (PG-13)

Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth

Superman returns to Earth after a five-year absence. He re-assumes his secret identity of Clark Kent, and discovers that Lois Lane—now in a "long engagement"—has a five-year-old son. Superman's nemesis, arch-villain Lex Luthor has devised a new plan to defeat Superman.



Wednesday evening The Covenant (PG-13)

Steven Strait, Sebastian Stan

In 1692, in the Ipswich Colony of Massachusetts, five families with untold power formed a covenant of silence. One family, lusting for more, was banished; their bloodline disappearing without a trace--until now. This thriller tells the story of the Sons of Ipswich, four young students at the elite Spencer Academy who are bound by their sacred ancestry. As descendants of the original families who settled in Ipswich Colony in the 1600's, the boys have all been born with special powers.

Upcoming movie events:

Friday, Dec. 1 - Snakes on a plane

Saturday, Dec. 2 - No movie










Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Invincible

Movies are being shown
at the Community Center
as the Beale Bijou
undergoes renovations.

Evening movies play at 6 p.m.
unless otherwise specified.

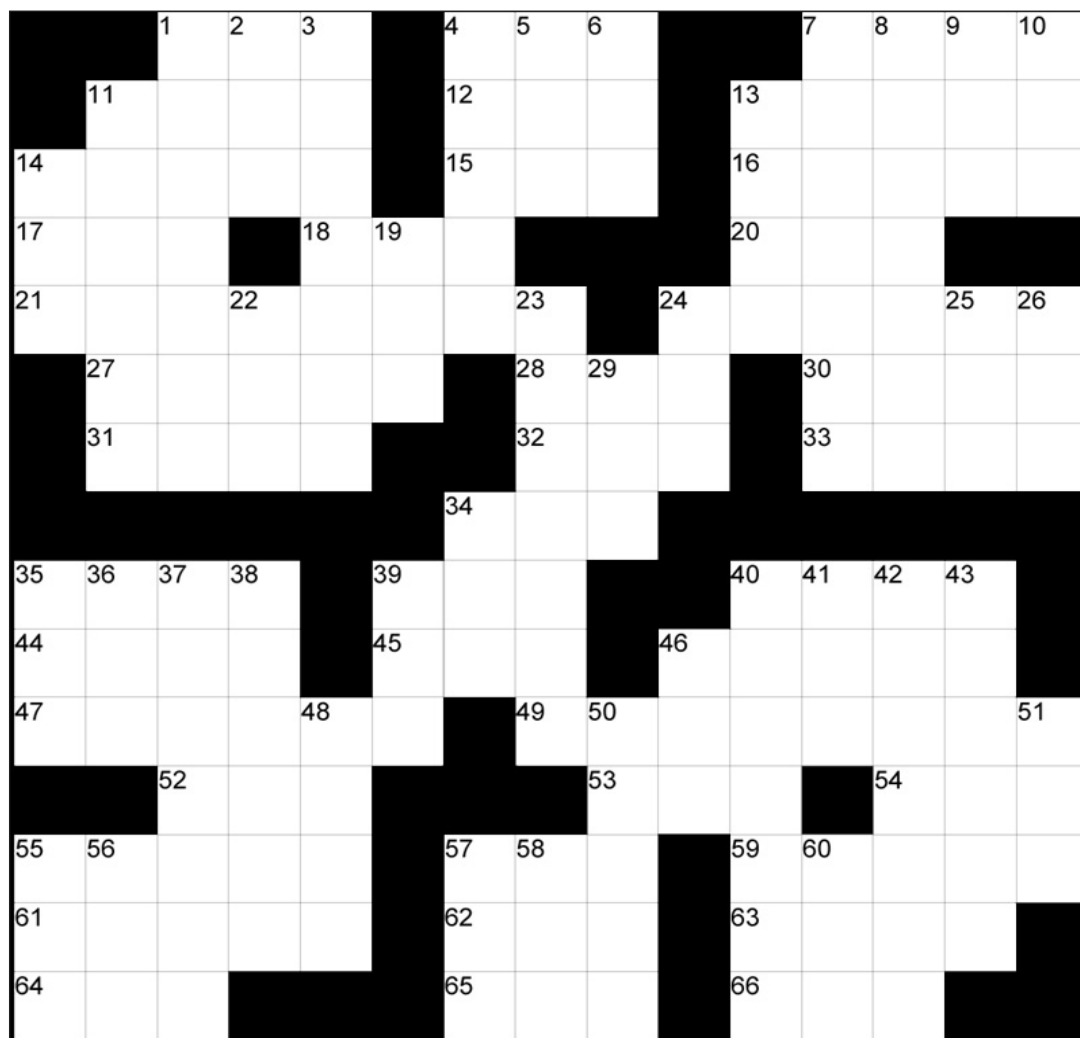
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For more information, call 634-3165.

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AFDOKU: Try It!

To solve, place an enlisted rank into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram (there are nine of these) will contain every enlisted rank. In other words, no rank (E-1 - E-9) may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the ranks already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution.

**Modern Marvels, part 1**

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Jewel
4. Intimidate
7. Submerged by water
11. Beverage company producing teas and sport and energy drinks
12. State home to 436th AW
13. Sickness
14. Emile Gagnan and Jacques Cousteau created this diving modern marvel (1943)
15. Japanese sash
16. Texas river
17. Part of USAF
18. Weep
20. Used as an exclamation expressing surprise, delight or joy
21. John Atanasoff and Clifford Berry created this modern processing marvel (1942)
24. Actress Dahl of Here Comes the Girls
27. Approaches
28. Hearing tool
30. 2004 Pitt movie
31. Eye problem
32. Alfred Noble invented this explosive modern marvel (1864)
33. 350 acres London park
34. Sn on the periodic table
35. Open
39. North American freshwater fish
40. Engrossed
44. Actress Moore

45. Mock
46. Greek mythological woodland deity; half-man, half-goat
47. Sets forth in words
49. Positively charged particle; consists of proton and neutron
52. 1992 boxing Bronze medalist
53. NY player
54. St. alternative
55. Skewer
57. Federal org. concerned with environment
59. Involving the use of weapons: ____ conflict
61. Bony framework of the head
62. Flower wreath; Hawaiian gift
63. CBS TV show
64. Address for male officer
65. www.af. ____
66. Dejected

DOWN

1. Epicure
2. Dwindle
3. Calibrate
4. Mud brick
5. World Wide ____ modern marvel created by Tim Berners-Lee (1990)
6. Inventor Whitney patents the modern marvel cotton gin (1794)
7. Modern marvel technology began in 1960s for aircraft
8. Will Tell skill
9. Keanu in The Matrix
10. Data transfer rate, in short
11. Descendants or heirs
13. Box
14. Former USAF org.; Gen. Curtis LeMay considered its "father"
19. USAF commissioning source
22. Transfer money as compensation for work done/services render
23. Military duty status
24. Operational ____; use of mil forces to achieve strategic goals
25. Head bob
26. Behold
29. Political analyst Coulter
34. Draw
35. Commercials
36. Dr. Hans Von Ohain created this flying modern marvel (1939)
37. Layman
38. Ceremony
39. Fuel
40. Any various tropical Asia climbing palms; used for wickerwork
41. Dined
42. Of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the only one remaining
43. Collections
46. Take to court
48. British nobleman of a rank below that marquis
50. 1971 modern marvel created by ARPA scientists
51. Homer's neighbor
55. Draft org.
56. Modern marvel technology for mil. IDs
57. Shade tree
58. The Louvre architect
60. Indianapolis dome home to the Colts

Scholarships for Military Children program opens for '07

By Bonnie Powell

FORT LEE, Va. - Gas prices are biting into the family budget, interest rates are rising, and college tuition is outpacing inflation. At least some relief is in sight for military families as the Scholarships for Military Children program opens for 2007. Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are available at 264 commissaries worldwide, or can be downloaded through links at <http://www.commissaries.com>, <http://www.militaryscholar.org>, or <http://www.dodea.edu>.

"Scholarships for Military Children is a wonderful military community program," said Patrick Nixon, DeCA director and chief executive officer. "Nearly 3,000 scholarships totaling over \$4 million have been awarded since the first awards were given in 2001."

The \$1,500 scholarships are available for children of military active-duty, retired, and Guard and Reserve service members. Most of the funds are donated by manufacturers, brokers and suppliers selling groceries in

commissaries, and every dollar donated to the program by industry or the general public goes to fund the scholarships. The program is administered by the Fisher House Foundation.

A significant number of scholarships, about 10 percent every year, go to high school students at DoD schools overseas. "Every cent that community organizations can mobilize to support college-bound students is an investment in the future," said Joseph Tafoya, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity.

"With college costs soaring, our DoD students and their parents appreciate every available scholarship to help defray the cost, and the scholarships enable many of our families to better afford the tuition and provide an incentive for students to work hard," said Tafoya. "They also demonstrate that military communities are committed to education and increased opportunities for all students."

The scholarship program has also made inroads to increasing support from the "nonmilitary"

community. California high school students sponsoring golf tournaments in 2006 raised thousands of dollars to donate to the program, and already for 2007, a private foundation has made a substantial donation.

"We're excited to see this worthwhile program gaining recognition and funding from the community at large," said Jim Weiskopf, vice president of communications at Fisher House Foundation. "Commissary industry support has been amazing and increased public support can only help ensure that the Scholarships for Military Children program continues to benefit the military community for many years to come." Donations can be made through the link at militaryscholar.org, the official program Web site.

Applications for 2007, which includes an essay on "how and why" the applicant would change an historical event, must be turned in at a commissary by close of business on Feb. 21, 2007. At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with quali-



Courtesy graphic

fied applicants.

The program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of military active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired personnel. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database.

Applicants should ensure that

they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2007, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

DISASTER *from page 1*

playing with stuff, and all the sudden I thought I had fixed it."

U-2 pilots are required to breathe pure oxygen for one hour before flying, which removes nitrogen from the body, preventing what is known as the bends, or decompression sickness.

When someone experiences DCS, the nitrogen, usually diffused in the body's tissues, begins to boil off due to the increased altitude, forming tiny bubbles throughout the body. Though usually harmless but uncomfortable, DCS can become fatal if left untreated.

"The bottom line is none of us thought to adjust the take off time," the colonel said.

Due to this simple error, the colonel's body had not had the required full hour pre-breathe before taking off. The simple mistake would later lead to the chain of events that almost ended the colonel's life.

"It was probably when I was in the air for about three hours when weird things started to happen," he said. "First, I looked up all of the sudden and saw the plane take a 30 degree roll."

The hallucination was a product of nitrogen bubbles beginning to build up in the colonel's brain. Along with a headache and general feeling of illness, another side effect of DCS is a gradual loss of cognitive ability.

"I was having trouble putting in the destination coordinates," the colonel said. "It was like I was dyslexic."

As the colonel slowly lost his ability to operate the jet's navigation and radio systems, he eventually had to radio back for help with a routine procedure.

"I went to transfer my files, which is really an easy thing to do, and I couldn't remember how to do it," the colonel said. "I told them I didn't remember how to transfer files and that they need to tell ops I wasn't feeling too good."

"Once he said that, I knew

that things were going terribly wrong," said Capt. Shawn South, 13th Intelligence Squadron UAV Flight commander, who was serving as the mission operations commander that day. "I remember looking at my surveillance and warning supervisor, Tech. Sgt. Thomas Keene, right after he said that. We gave each other that look ... the look that the situation had just turned serious and we needed to start planning for the worst."

Sensing the colonel's situation, Captain South called 9th Reconnaissance Wing command post asking for a veteran U-2 pilot who could better relate to the distressed pilot.

"The morning it happened, I got a call at 1:30 a.m. to head over to Deployable Ground Station 2 to get on a radio with a pilot who was having problems," said Lt. Col. David Russell, 99th Reconnaissance Squadron commander and veteran U-2 pilot. "I didn't know what that meant at 1:30 on a Saturday morning."

After walking Colonel Henry through the process of sending his files, the situation suddenly took another sharp turn for the worst.

"Somewhere out of the blue, I didn't feel nauseous or anything and I threw up all over the inside of the helmet," Colonel Henry said.

The sudden vomiting was a definite sign to everyone in the DGS that something was severely wrong. Preparations began for the multitude of ways the scenario could play out, with emergency responders being put on alert and host-nation emergency services being notified. All the while, Colonel Russell stayed in communication with Colonel Henry, trying to steer him clear of hostile territory.

At this point in time, back in the cockpit, Colonel Henry's situation had worsened. He had lost his ability to see colors, and being that many of the U-2's computer navigation systems are color based, had resorted to piloting the plane manually.

"By that time I was

slumped over with my head against the side of the cabin," Colonel Henry said. "I didn't even have the situational awareness to steer myself by compass."

With about an hour left to go before coming home, Colonel Russell started running the almost unconscious pilot through the descent process.

"I went to find the gear handle to put my wheels down and it was gone," Colonel Henry said.

The handle wasn't actually gone, but was hidden in a blind spot the colonel had developed as a side effect of the DCS. Eventually he found the gear, but it wasn't long until near disaster struck again.

"At this point I was at about 16,000 feet," Colonel Henry said. "I got the air speed high alarm. I could see the red light, so I turned the engine to idle to let the speed bleed off."

Not long after cutting his engine back, the jet went into a full stall, sending the colonel on a death roll at 16,000 feet. Just when things were looking like the colonel's flight would end in a fire ball, two Mirage fighter jets came through the clouds to the colonel's rescue.

"They flew right over me, which I thought was really cool at the time," Colonel Henry said.

The sudden jolt of the Mirages flying over his jet allowed the colonel to gain a moment of clarity and save himself from certain death. Cranking the engine back up, his next order from Colonel Russell was to follow the Mirages. The fighters lead him to the flight line, but then it became a matter of getting him to land.

"I don't remember anything, but I guess for about 45 minutes I flew around the air field following the Mirages," Colonel Henry said.

Coming in at a speed of only 80 MPH alongside the U-2, the fighters were forced to use a very dangerous maneuver known as a saber dance to guide the colonel to

the run way. Not yet understanding he was supposed to land however, he followed the mirages when they departed from the run way.

"While all this is going on, my mobile was four wheeling it through the sand dunes," Colonel Henry said. "Everybody's screaming at me, they thought the airplane was going to fall apart, telling me to eject. Everybody on the sides thought I was going to crash."

After taking some very close approaches, with his wings coming as close to four feet from the ground, according to those who witnessed the fearful event from the ground, the colonel finally received the message he needed to make him aware of the situation that was unfolding.

"I told him you had better get your act together and fly the best pattern of your life, because you're either going to fly the best pattern of your life or the last pattern of your life," Colonel Russell said. "I think that kind of gave him the moment of clarity to come out of it and pull it off."

With his last bit of clarity, a U-2 almost out of gas, and now nearing sunset, the colonel did what he had been trained to do, land the plane.

"Of all the things to remember, I turned the landing light on," he said. "I just tried to concentrate on the best pattern I could do, and somehow landed on the center line."

"It's miraculous that in his situation, having about half his vision and color gone he was able to land the plane on the center line with wings level," Colonel Russell said.

As soon as the colonel landed, emergency response vehicles and U-2 specialists came rushing to his aid.

It took eight people total to pull the colonel out of the cockpit, after which he was put on a stretcher and rushed by helicopter to the nearest decompression chamber, which was about 45 minutes away.

"I can remember them taking me to the helicopter, and the wind feeling good," he said. "I must have fallen

asleep because next thing I knew I was at the chamber."

After going through what the colonel described as the "decompression chamber of horrors," it was still a long road to full recovery.

"When I finally woke up I felt like I stunk and wanted to shave and take a shower," he said. "They took me over to the shower, and I walked right in with my clothes on. I was like a little kid, they had to dress me."

After a couple sessions in the decompression chamber, the colonel was well enough to travel to a nearby hospital, where he was tested for brain damage. He had only sustained minor damage to his brain, however the doctors informed him that by the time he landed he was on the verge of total cardiovascular collapse.

Now back at Beale, and about six months since the incident, the colonel still remembers that day very well. He says his mind has changed on a couple things since that day, however one thing that hasn't is his attitude on the importance of integrity, training and doing the job right.

"The only thing that saved me was training," Colonel Henry said. "Every time I fly, I fly the emergency patterns over and over. I was doing the whole thing by feel in the end, which only comes by doing things the same way over and over. I wonder, if I had done just one less set of patterns, would I be here today?"

Only with rigorous training was the colonel able to bring his plane down while on the verge of death, however it was also thanks to the brave men and women who helped bring him down safely.

"It's still a pretty emotional experience even after all this time," he said. "I've told this story I don't know how many times. I really want to emphasize that it was the people who work on that aircraft, the guys in the mobile, the air boss, crew chiefs, the flight doctors and others -- they saved my life, they're my heroes."

379th Bioenvironmental: Keeping Airmen safe, secure



(Top) Staff Sgt. Thomas Hefty and Airman First Class Brandon Stephens, bioenvironmental engineering technicians deployed from Beale with the 379 Expeditionary Medical Group - Bioenvironmental Engineering Office, wear Level A suits while using an air sampler and ADM-300 during a simulated chemical attack.

(Above) Sergeant Hefty, tests a bottle water sample for bacteria and other impurities. The bioenvironmental engineering office certifies 1.2 million bottles of water consumed each month. (Courtesy photos)

By Tech. Sgt. Steve Staedler
379th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA - If you think putting on a chemical suit is challenging, then it's probably best to avoid the Level A suit.

A fully encapsulated outfit that when worn resembles an oversized banana, the Level A suit provides the highest level of protection against an attack when a chemical agent is suspected of being released.

But don't worry. If you're not one of the four Airmen assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group - Bioenvironmental Engineering Office, there's no need to wear it ... or even try to get it on.

"It's tricky putting it on," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Hefty, 379th EMDG. Bioenvironmental Engineering technician deployed from Beale. "They're also very hot. It's like wearing gortex in summer. You just don't want to do it.

"But it's something you have to do for the job."

The job of being in this career field involves playing numerous roles such as being a front-line responder to detect chemical/biological/radiological agents in contingency situations, as well as functioning behind-the-scenes ensuring personal safety for people deployed here.

Bioenvironmental Engineering office's primary mission is readiness and responding to any CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) incidents.

"We can detect and identify most chemical agents such as nerve, blister, choking agents, and toxic industrial chemicals," said Capt. Jung Lee, chief, bioenvironmental engineering office. "During any contingency incident, the fire department is the initial responder. They set up and cordon off the area and request our help to identify the presence of any CBRN agents. We are also a health advisor to the commander based on the agents being used against us."

It takes more than the naked eye to detect chemical agents. Captain Lee and his team have a variety of equipment at their disposal. The hand-held assay detects and identifies eight different biological agents; the hapsite - a portable gas chromatogram/mass spectrometer detects and identifies chemical agents such as Sarin and mustard gas and toxic industrial chemicals; the SAM-935 detects and identifies various radioisotopes.

Being able to use these and other

chemical detection devices is critical to responding to current ongoing threats.

"In this day and age readiness is going to continue growing," said Master Sgt. Timothy Pew, NCOIC, bioenvironmental engineering office. "You really have to stay on top of readiness issues at hand because it's a tough world out there."

In addition to readiness the bioenvironmental engineering office also tests water on base and conducts industrial hygiene assessments of shops on base.

Just how much water does the Bioenvironmental Engineering office certify? Try 1.2 million bottles monthly. The team randomly chooses water bottles for testing, looking for bacteria and other impurities.

But it's not just bottled water they're checking. They also check bacteria, pH and chlorine levels for about 8.6 million gallons of water monthly that's used in the cadillacs and other locales here. The pool water is also checked weekly to ensure safe swimming conditions.

"We don't want to close the pool, but at the same time we don't want to make anyone sick while they are swimming," Captain Lee said.

Industrial hygiene assessments ensure safe working conditions for people. Captain Lee said there are 77 shops here that require industrial hygiene surveys which consume more than 60 percent of the team's daily workload. The assessment evaluates work centers and identifies any hazardous conditions.

The bioenvironmental engineering office routinely performs air sampling, ventilation surveys, hazardous noise surveys and personal protective equipment evaluations, and makes recommendations based on their findings. Some shops are inspected every rotation, while others are inspected every year or on a case-by-case basis.

Captain Lee said most shops are generally in compliance because the base has been here for a few years, major discrepancies have been ironed out by now. The bioenvironmental engineering office manages and oversees all radioactive materials used and stored on base.

Whether it's donning Level A suits or visiting other work centers, the job never seems to get old.

"What I enjoy most about my job is the fact that I'm not just doing one thing," said Airman First Class Brandon Stephens, Bioenvironmental Engineering technician deployed from Beale. "I'm not a paperwork person. I like getting out and seeing what everyone else is doing."

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AFDOKU Solution

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By Capt Tony Wickham, 74th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Nov. 24

Puzzle Solution

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Thankful for the Shoppette...

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Bake-Off: no entrée gone untasted

Once again the **Community Center** had another successful year with their Annual Beale Bake-Off.

On Tuesday November 14th the very best of Beale's chef's took off their white aprons, put down their spatulas, and headed out to the Community Center to participate in the highly anticipated bake-off. With entrées such as "Ring the Alarm" Chili, Deviled Peaches, Turtle Cake, and mouth watering homemade chicken nuggets not a stomach walked away empty after the event was over.

Winners for the Main Dish Category:

- 1st Place - Amanda Jones (Cheesy Potato Casserole)
- 2nd Place - Ke'Ira Lewis ("Ring the Alarm" Chili)
- 3rd Place - Joe Bishop (Chicken Nuggets)

Winners for the Dessert Category:

- 1st Place - Kara MacPherson (Key Lime Cheesecake)
- 2nd Place - Marney McGee (Apple Cheesecake)
- 3rd Place - Ke'Ira Lewis (Stomp Hole Cake)

Winner for the People's Choice Award:

- Amanda Jones (Cheesy Potato Casserole)

A special thank you goes out to all who participated in this event: Kayte Traux, Ke'Ira Lewis, Joe Bishop, Marney McGee, The Youth Center School Age Program Cooking Club, Michelle Crum, Kara MacPherson, Andrea Marie Schmidt, and Amanda Jones.

Also a very special thank you to the panel of judges: Rhonda Welch (Owner of T.J.'s Coffee and Deli), TSgt Robyn Davis (Contrails Dining Facility), and Kim Kutcher (Sierra Central Credit Union).

The Community Center would also like to thank **T.J.'s Coffee and Deli** for their gracious donation of gifts cards to the Bake-Off winners. Free cookbooks will be available for pickup after December 9th at the CAC.



The judging proved difficult with so many delicious entrées. Special thanks to volunteer judges TSgt Robyn Davis, Rhonda Welch and Kim Kutcher.

People's Choice and Main Dish 1st place awards went to Amanda Jones and her Cheesy Potato Casserole (right). Community Center representative Amy Frew is shown presenting the prizes.



Key Lime Cheesecake created by Kara MacPherson took the 1st place award in the dessert category (right).





DEC TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS
HOLIDAY HAM SHOOT
 Dec 16th • 9:00 am START
 Sign up before tee time
INDIVIDUAL LOW NET PLAY
ENTRY FEE \$15.
PRIZES INCLUDE HAMS & MERCHANDISE SCRIPT!

Coyote Run Golf Course 788-0192

Youth Center CORNER

Beale Youth Sports Program, winner of the "2006 Excellence in Youth Sports Award"

DECEMBER

GINGER-BREAD HOUSE CONTEST

Dec 13th • 3:30 PM-5:30 PM
 Ages 9-18. Who can make the yummiest house? FREE members, \$1 non-mem

JINGLE BALL HOLIDAY DANCE

Dec 15th • 6:30 PM-9:30 PM
 Ages 9-12. Tweens have a festive evening!
 \$3 members, \$5 non-members.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Dec 20th • 5:00 PM-8:30 PM
 Ages 9-18. Shop, enjoy carolers and eat in Nevada City. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Sign-up by 12/18 w/permission slip.

IT'S SNOWING!

Dec 22nd • 12:00 noon
 Open to all ages. Truck loads of snow and fun at the Youth Center!

SNOWBOARDING TEEN TRIP TO BOREAL

Dec 28th • 7:00 AM-6:00 PM
 Ages 13-18. \$30 mem, \$40 non-mem. Save \$10 with your own board. Includes equipment, transportation, and lift ticket. Sign-up by 12/22 w/permission slip.

BASKETBALL

OPERATION NITE HOOPS
 Every Saturday night • 8:00 PM-10:00 PM
>>> Starts Dec 2nd <<<
 Ages 14-18. FREE mem. \$1 non-mem.

START SMART BASKETBALL

Ages 3-4. Parent participation required, \$25.

BASKETBALL & CHEER REGISTRATION

>>>Volunteers needed!<<<
 Grades K-8th. \$40 mem. \$50 non-mem.

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RECCE POINT CLUB EVENTS

Thanksgiving Leftovers Buffet

Nov 26th • Noon - 4:00 PM
Build your own turkey sandwich, served with all the fixin's.
 \$1 Members, \$4 Non-Members.



WESTERN FAMILY NIGHT

Nov 29th • 5:00 PM-7:30 PM
Games - Music - Western Buffet
 Prizes for the Best Cowboy & Native American costume!
 \$4.95 Members, \$6.95 Non-Members.

ACC DOLLAR DAY LUNCH

Nov 29th • 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Members only
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Air Force Colossal Cookie Challenge

December 12th at 6:00pm
Sign up: December 8th
Categories:
 Holiday or Special Occasions
 No Bake Cookies
 Healthy Cookies
 Cookie Makers Special

Pick up a copy of the rules.



Scavenger Hunt

December 27th • 10:00 am • Open to all ages

Sign up deadline December 22nd
 Round up your friends to make a 4-person team. Teams will solve clues and receive items from various locations on base. The first two teams to return to the Community Center with all items and no speeding tickets will win a great prize!

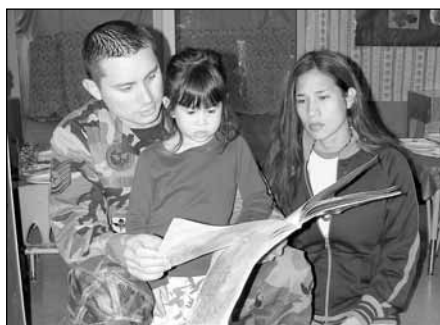
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Quality time well spent at the CDC

Last Friday the **Child Development Center** had their annual Harvest Feast with over 100 parents participating. Before the meal, parents took the opportunity to look around the rooms and observed the various projects. Some parents read to their child while others offered help in setting the tables with their children. It was a hot tasty traditional Thanksgiving meal, complete with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans and pies. The primary cook was Megan Woods and her chief assistant in the kitchen Maria King, but they had lots of help from all the staff members. "I was so proud of the staff, and they were so organized!" said Annette Goodly, assistant director of the CDC. Michelle Bunnett, the facilities director added, "I was proud of the staff and the parents, they made this event so successful! We appreciate all the supportive parents who were able to take time off to spend with us." Ms. Bunnett and Mrs. Goodly also wish everyone a safe and fun holiday and invite all parents of the CDC to come back for Green Eggs and Ham day in March.



Parents enjoy a hardy meal with their children in room #1.



Supportive parents reading to their child before the feast in the Annex.

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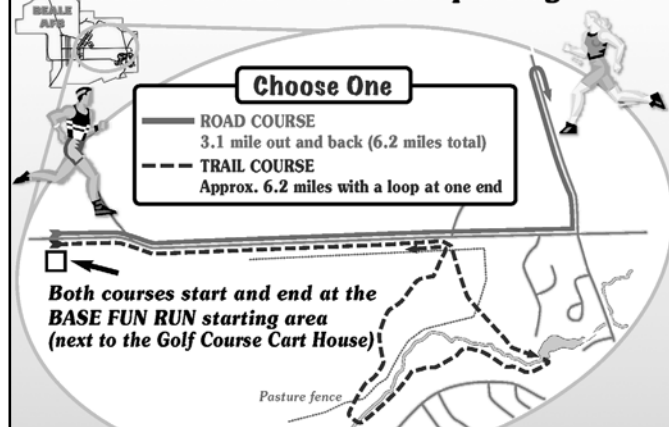
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10K RUN - Road or Trail

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00am Recce Point Club parking lot



Choose One

- ROAD COURSE
3.1 mile out and back (6.2 miles total)
- - - TRAIL COURSE
Approx. 6.2 miles with a loop at one end

Both courses start and end at the BASE FUN RUN starting area (next to the Golf Course Cart House)

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Categories

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 Co-ed Relay (3-person)

Trophies

Top 3 finishers, individual categories
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Each participant will receive a goody bag & a ticket for prize drawings.

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Pier 39 - San Francisco

Dec 2nd / 7:30 AM-9:30 PM • Cost: \$25 • Sign up by: 11/29

Tired of high fuel prices, parking fees and nightmare traffic? Then let OAC start your holiday season this year with a trip to Pier 39 where you can tour Alcatraz, explore Chinatown, or ride the historic cable cars to world-famous Union Square. If you would like to tour Alcatraz, contact www.alcatrazcruises.com to purchase tickets in advance.

Northstar Ski Resort Shuttle

Dec 3rd / 6:30 AM-8:00* PM • Cost: \$10 • Sign up by: 11/30

Let the OAC ski shuttle transport you to Northstar ski resort which was just ranked 4th best park in North America. **Northstar offers free lift tickets to active duty members with a valid ID.** Everyone else can purchase a discount lift ticket at the OAC.

Squaw Valley Ski Resort Shuttle

Dec 9th & 16th / 6:30 AM-9:00* PM • Cost: \$10 • Sign by: 12/7 & 12/14

Let the OAC ski shuttle transport you to Squaw Valley ski resort. **Squaw Valley offers free skiing to active duty members with a valid ID, kids 12 & under \$5, or purchase discounted lift tickets at the OAC.**
 *Return times are estimated dependent upon weather and traffic conditions.

Napa Valley Holiday Tour

Dec 9th / 7:30 AM-8:30 PM • Cost: \$30 • Sign by: 12/6

Must be 21 or older to attend this tour.

Enjoy a unique wine country experience in the Napa Valley. At this time, wineries are adorned in their holiday finest. We will visit V. Sattui Winery with a private tour and tasting of up to seven award-winning wines. This trip will make several other winery stops. If time allows, the trip will make a brief stop at the Vintage 1870 Shopping Center.

November Sierra Get-Away Package

BEST WESTERN TRUCKEE TAHOE INN

Cost: \$79 per night (\$129 value) • Offer expires 11/30.

Call 1-800-824-6385 and mention MTP voucher.

NEW YEAR'S EVE RENO TURNAROUND

Sunday, Dec 31st. 4:30 pm - 5:30 am • Cost \$43

Get a \$10 cash voucher & \$5 food voucher.

Actual price \$28⁰⁰ • Sign up deadline 12/15.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER • 634-2054

Enjoy yourselves...



Parent's Night Out

9 Dec 2006 at the CDC

5:00-11:00 pm • \$25 per child

Registration Deadline is Dec 6th.

Payment is due by Dec 6th.

>> Ages 6 weeks through 12 years <<

Must have a minimum of 20 children
 Dinner and a snack will be provided.
 Dress of the day is comfortable as many children will fall asleep at the CDC.

To register, please call 634-4717
 If you have not used the CDC before, you may be required to fill out the registration packet and provide your child's immunization records.

Child Development Center